

Architectural / Historical Inventory  
Fitchburg

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FORM C - MONUMENTS ☒ ☐  
 MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Town Fitchburg

Street Main Street

Name Soldiers Monument

Original Owner City

Present Owner City

Date Constructed 1871-1874

Date Dedicated 1874

Source of Date The City & the River

Designer or Sculptor Martin Milmore

own/City Individual or group responsible for monument  
 phy if other than owner

Deteriorated Moved\* Altered Good  
 Great Moderate None Great

on wall, house, post; base of monument; other  
 of Monument

SEE ATTACHMENT

STATUE  
 BUST  
 MARKER

☒ MONUMENT  
☐ FOUNTAIN  
☐ MILESTONE  
☐ BOUNDARY MARKER



DESCRIPTION\*\*

Foundation Pedestal Base None Material Granite Base  
 Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Bronze Figures  
 Setting (surroundings) Park  
 Size (approximate) 28,000 sq. ft.

Indicate location of monument on map below

Recorder Frank Garretson

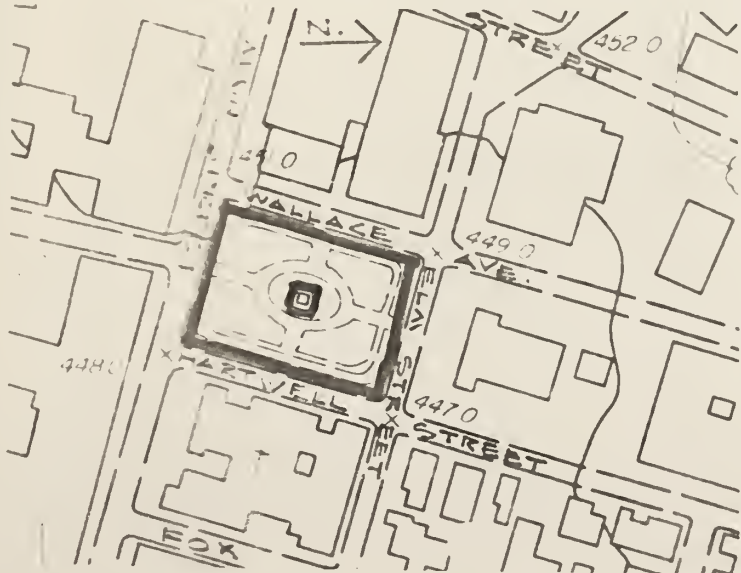
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 (Name of Organization)

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\* If the monument has been moved, indicate the original location on the reverse side.  
 \*\* Describe the monument on the reverse side.





SEE ATTACHMENT

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Kirkpatrick, Doris, The City and the River  
Fitchburg Historical Society, 1971.

Emerson, William, Fitchburg, Mass., Past and Present.  
Fitchburg, 1887, pp. 149-152

"Report of the Soldiers' Monument Committee,"  
Fitchburg Public Library



INSCRIPTION

FITCHBURG  
ERECTS THIS MONUMENT  
IN MEMORY OF HER  
BRAVE SONS WHO FELL  
AND IN HONOR OF  
ALL HER LOYAL CITIZENS WHO PERILLED  
THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT STRUGGLE  
WHICH SECURED THE  
UNITY OF THE REPUBLIC  
AND THE  
FREEDOM OF AN OPRESSED RACE  
1861 - 1865


"For these are deeds which should not pass away  
And names that must not wither.  
1875

William Blake & Co.  
Founders  
Boston

Martin Milmore  
Designer & Sculptor  
Boston

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There are three other plaques which list the 142 persons killed in battle, died of wounds and died of disease. It gives their rank, name, unit, and date.



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## Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

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Form 901

Boulder Drive at Cushing Street





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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

STATUE  
BUST  
MARKER  
RELIGIOUS SHRINE  
GROUP COMPOSITION

MONUMENT  
FOUNTAIN  
MILESTONE  
BOUNDARY MARKER

Monument has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

Agriculture  
Architecture  
Art/Sculpture  
Education  
Literature  
Music  
Government

Commerce/Industry  
Science/Invention  
Travel/Communication  
Military Affairs  
Indians  
Development of Town/City  
Religion/Philosophy

Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Street Boulder Drive at ~~Cushing~~ St.  
Cushing

Name

Minuteman Monument

Original Owner

Present Owner City of Fitchburg

Date Constructed

Date Dedicated

Source of Date

Designer or Sculptor

Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner Fitchburg Historical Society

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Moved

IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None

MONUMENT endangered by: No

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other on monument.

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: Near this spot in 1775, stood the store of Ephraim Kimball. It was the rendezvous of Fitchburg's Minute Men. Here, at 9 o'clock, A.M., on the 19th of April 1775, the alarm gun was fired and a company of forty-two men, under Capt. Ebenezer Bridge, marched for Concord, where they arrived the same evening. Another company, under Capt. Ebenezer Woods, followed the same day.

DESCRIPTION\*\*

Foundation: Pedestal (Base None Material Base and Monument of Granite

Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Plaque is Bronze

Setting (surroundings) Street Corner

Size (approximate) About 5' high

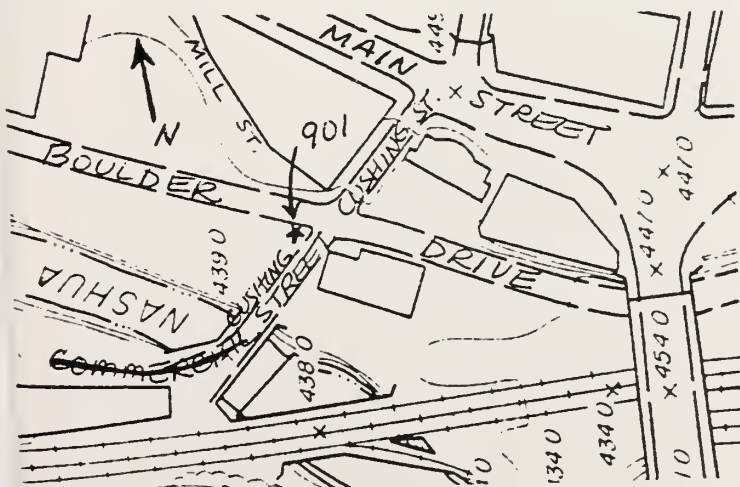
Indicate location of monument on map below

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For Fitchburg Historical Commission  
(Name of Organization)

Photo 1977 Date Received

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\*\* Describe the monument on the reverse side.



GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

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Monument dedicated to the Minute Men of Fitchburg

Bronze plaque on a granite stone.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

Marks the approximate location of where the Fitchburg minute man gathered to march to Concord on April 19, 1775.

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)





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Form 902

Main Street in Upper Common







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STATUE	MONUMENT
BUST	<u>FOUNTAIN</u>
MARKER	MILESTONE
RELIGIOUS SHRINE	BOUNDARY MARKER
GROUP COMPOSITION	

Monument has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

Agriculture	Commerce/Industry
Architecture	Science/Invention
<u>Art/Sculpture</u>	Travel/Communication
Education	Military Affairs
Literature	Indians
Music	Development of Town/City
Government	Religion/Philosophy

Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Street Main St. in Upper Common

Name Adams Fountain or "Boys Playing with the Turtles"

Original Owner City of Fitchburg

Present Owner City of Fitchburg

Date Constructed 1888

Date Dedicated 1889

Source of Date plaque

Designer or Sculptor Herbert Adams

Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner Rodney Wallace/Henry A. Willis/James Phillips, Jr.

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Altered

IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None

MONUMENT endangered by:

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: This Fountain was presented to the City  
by Rodney Wallace  
Henry A. Willis  
James Phillips, Jr.  
- 1889 -

DESCRIPTION\*\*  
Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material Base is granite and sits in a conc. pool.  
Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Statue material is bronze  
Setting (surroundings) Park  
Size (approximate) 15' diameter base 18" high Statue & base 7'

Indicate location of monument on map below

Recorder Frank Garretson

For Fitchburg Historical Comm.  
(Name of Organization)

Photo 1977 Date Received



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GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

902

In the center of a conc. pool, with a diameter of approximately 15'6", stands a bronze statue on a base of granite. The base is about 2' high, the statue itself is about 5' high. The statue depicts the two figures one standing erect, one crouching behind him.

Water shoots from ten spigots located around the base of the statue.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

This is one of the early works of the nationally famous sculptor, Henry Adams. Henry Adams spent his childhood in Fitchburg. This was his first full-figure sculpture and is called "Boys Playing with The Turtles" (1888).

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Montachusett Review,  
2 January 1975, p.1,9. and 22.



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Form 903

Lunenburg Street in Moran Square







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Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

STATUE  
BUST  
MARKER  
RELIGIOUS SHRINE  
MONUMENT  
FOUNTAIN  
MILESTONE  
BOUNDARY MARKER  
GROUP COMPOSITION

Monument has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

Agriculture  
Architecture  
Art/Sculpture  
Education  
Literature  
Music  
Government  
Commerce/Industry  
Science/Invention  
Travel/Communication  
Military Affairs  
Indians  
Development of Town/City  
Religion/Philosophy

Town Fitchburg, Mass.  
Street Lunenburg Street in Moran Sq.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Original Owner Spanish American War Monument  
City of Fitchburg  
Present Owner City of Fitchburg

Date Constructed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Dedicated Sept. 1, 1924

Source of Date plaque

Designer or Sculptor \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or group responsible for monument if other than owner Guanica Camp No. 9

United Spanish War Veterans

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Altered \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None \_\_\_\_\_

MONUMENT endangered by: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other \_\_\_\_\_

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: This Monument erected by the City of Fitchburg to commemorate the valour and patriotism of the men with served in the war with Spain Phillippine insurrection and China relief expedition 1898-1902. Dedicated September 1, 1924 under the auspices of Guanica Camp No. 9 United Spanish War Veterans.

DESCRIPTION\*\*

Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material Granite  
Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Statue and 4 plaques bronze  
Setting (surroundings) park  
Size (approximate) 15' high

Indicate location of monument on map below

Recorder Frank Garretson

For Fitchburg Historical Comm.  
(Name of Organization)

Photo 1977 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_



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GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

On a base of 7' high stands and 8' tall statue of soldier with a rifle.

The Monument is dedicated to Spanish American War Veterans.

Cost for monument was \$5,350 and was constructed by Gorham Co. of Providence R.I. This may not have included the cost of the statue.  
(Cont.)

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

Commemorates the Spanish American War Veterans. This statue helps to make this traffic intersection attractive.

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Sentinel, Aug. 21, 1961

Sentinel, Aug. 26, 1961

Sentinel, Aug. 5, 1924, p.1

Sentinel, Sept. 2, 1924, p.1, 3, 12.



Description Cont.

front facing Main St.

left side of monument -

plaque 18" x 48"

Men of Fitchburg

who served their country during

The Spanish American War 1898-1902

(followed by list of majors captains, corporals, etc.  
of the sixth Mass. infantry - company D)

right side

same as above except plaque is dedicated to men of sixth  
Mass. infantry - Company B.

Smaller monument nearby:

Description: Monument of granite about 30" high plaque  
of bronze 18" x 24"

1898 service and world war Service  
Dedication to those in military services.



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Form 904

Main Street in Upper Common







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Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Street Main St. in Upper Common

Name World War I Monument

Original Owner City of Fitchburg

Present Owner City of Fitchburg

Date Constructed \_\_\_\_\_

Date Dedicated \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Date \_\_\_\_\_

Designer or Sculptor Herbert Adams

Individual or group responsible for monument  
if other than owner \_\_\_\_\_

STATUE	<u>MONUMENT</u>
BUST	FOUNTAIN
MARKER	MILESTONE
RELIGIOUS SHRINE	BOUNDARY MARKER
GROUP COMPOSITION	

Monument has historical connection with the  
following themes: (See also reverse side)

Agriculture	Commerce/Industry
Architecture	Science/Invention
Art/Sculpture	Travel/Communication
Education	<u>Military Affairs</u>
Literature	Indians
Music	Development of Town/City
Government	Religion/Philosophy

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Altered good

IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None \_\_\_\_\_

MONUMENT endangered by: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other \_\_\_\_\_

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: To The Memory of those who gave their lives  
in the World War 1914-1918. Fitchburg Dedicates this monument. (in-  
scription on east side of monument).

(cont.) (may be on white paper)

DESCRIPTION\*\*

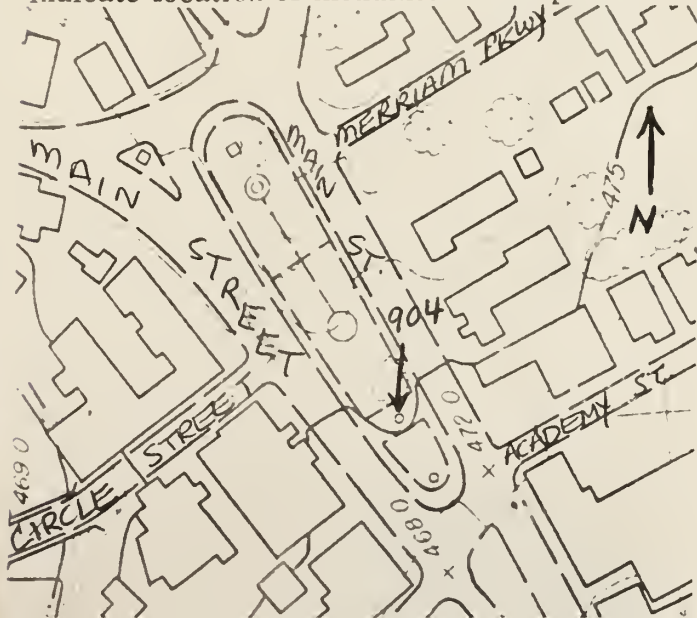
Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material Base of granite; two steps and pedestal

Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Bronze Statue

Setting (surroundings) park

Size (approximate) 20'-25' high

Indicate location of monument on map below



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For Fitchburg Historical Comm.  
(Name of Organization)

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GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

Dedication to those who lost their lives in World War I.

904

There is a bronze female figure carrying a flag.

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

Dedicated to those who lost their lives in World War I.

This was sculpted by a nationally prominent sculptor, Herbert Adams; who spent this childhood in Fitchburg. He also sculpted "La Jeunesse" in the Metropolitan Museum of art, he finished the Congressional Library's bronze doors, the bronze statue of William Ellery Channing for the Boston Public Garden, and a bronze statue of William Cullen Bryant at the N.Y. Public Library. This statues adds to the beauty of the Upper Common.

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Montachusett Review,  
2 January 1975, Vol. II-No. 21  
p.1, 9, and 22.



Description Cont.

Plaque (on west side of WWI monument)

These Gave Their Lives

Arthur Ardis	William J. Daly	Archie J. Loisel-Arthur Poisson
Lawrence S. Ayer	Henry Domien	Raymond A. Lyons-August Pole
Gilbert Bedard	John Doheny	George T. Mack-William Robertson
Surantos D. Bicoulis	John J. Donahue	David Malcolm-Ralph C. Robinson
Jeremiah El. Blanchette	Edwin E. Dudley	Milton A. Matthews-Albert J. Rousseau
Joseph W. Bonney	Wilfred Fagan	Andrew J. McCabe-John B. Ryan
Fred Brun	Frank M.B. Ferguson	John McGee-John J. Sheehan
Thomas Carey	Joseph J. Fournier	Bernard J. McGuirl-Robert H. Stiles
Robert J. Lashman	Leon M. Gendron	Argus K. McLean-Lester A. Stone
Edward S. Cogswell	Harvey R. Gokey	Robert E. McNabb-Joseph J. Taylor
Telesphore J. Collette	Neils Hanson	Ernest E. Merritt-Albert S. Toole
Albanie Cormier	Lester L. Horton	Raymond B. Morahan-Malachie J. Walsh
Valentine Cormier	Burton L. Jenna	Thomas E. Moses-Lloyd G. Wilcot
Alvah Crocker	Raymond LaRoche	Oscar Nybacka-Leo Hector Woodcome
Priseilla Crocker	Leo J. Lavoie	Elisabeth O'Connor-A. Theodore Wyman
Albert W. Culley	Ralph P. Legere	John F. O'Hara-Harold E. Yale
	Adrian L. Yelle	



FORM D - ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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In Area no.

Form no.

905

2. Optional photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location Unknown

Owner(s) Barbara Crocker

3. Research: (Mrs. Bigelow Crocker)

Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ Initiated X Possible \_\_\_\_\_

Is site available for investigation? Possibly

Estimated time needed for research Unknown

4. Cultural period: Unknown

Prehistoric-Aboriginal

Paleoindian \_\_\_\_\_

Archaic \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland-Ceramic \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Historic

Aboriginal-contact \_\_\_\_\_

European \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial \_\_\_\_\_

Modern \_\_\_\_\_

5. Map. Sketch site location in relation to nearest cross streets, structures, other buildings, natural features. Indicate north and note approximate distance from town center.

6. Value:

Importance:

Permanent

National \_\_\_\_\_

State X

Local \_\_\_\_\_

Transitory \_\_\_\_\_

Known

Unknown X

7. Historical significance -- use reverse side of form

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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MAS no. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)



9. Historical significance. Include explanation of cultural period; value (assign permanent value to sites that might be reconstructed for teaching purposes; transitory value applies to prehistoric sites now in the process of, or needing, excavation); importance (such as association with important persons or events).

This is a small stone structure with a roof made of one large stone. The structure is near a brook and is constructed partially below grade level. This structure is similar to others formed in New England and quite similar to a structure near Redemption Rock in Princeton.

10. Bibliography, references and/or documentation.

Interview with Barbara Crocker.





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Form 906

Pearl Street





MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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2. Optional photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
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5. Map. Sketch site location in relation to nearest cross streets, structures, other buildings, natural features. Indicate north and note approximate distance from town center.



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MAS no. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location Pearl St.

N.E. corner of Pearl St. and Long-  
wood Ave.

Owner(s) E. Thomas Donnelly

3. Research:

Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Possible x

Is site available for investigation? Possibly

Estimated time needed for research Unknown

4. Cultural period:

Prehistoric-Aboriginal

Paleoindian \_\_\_\_\_

Archaic \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland-Ceramic \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Historic

Aboriginal-contact \_\_\_\_\_

European \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial x

Modern \_\_\_\_\_

6. Value:

Importance:

Permanent \_\_\_\_\_

National \_\_\_\_\_

State x

Local \_\_\_\_\_

Transitory \_\_\_\_\_

Known x

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

7. Historical significance -- use reverse side of form

8. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm

Date March 1977

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9. Historical significance. Include explanation of cultural period; value (assign permanent value to sites that might be reconstructed for teaching purposes; transitory value applies to prehistoric sites now in the process of, or needing, excavation); importance (such as association with important persons or events).

This is the site of the David Page Garrison. David Page was the first settler in Fitchburg.

*A monument to the*

10. Bibliography, references and/or documentation.

p.71-75 The City and The River





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2. Optional photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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5. Map. Sketch site location in relation to nearest cross streets, structures, other buildings, natural features. Indicate north



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MAS no. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location Cushing Street

Owner(s) City of Fitchburg and  
Cushing-Dickinson Trust

3. Research:

Advanced X Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Possible \_\_\_\_\_

Is site available for investigation? \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated time needed for research \_\_\_\_\_

4. Cultural period:

Prehistoric-Aboriginal

Paleoindian \_\_\_\_\_

Archaic \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland-Ceramic \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Historic

Aboriginal-contact \_\_\_\_\_

European \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial \_\_\_\_\_

Modern X 1826

6. Value:

Importance:

Permanent

National \_\_\_\_\_

State X

Local \_\_\_\_\_

Transitory \_\_\_\_\_

Known

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

X

7. Historical significance -- use reverse side of form

Site of a stone mill of extremely massive construction.

8. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Com.

Date March 1977

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9. Historical significance. Include explanation of cultural period; value (assign permanent value to sites that might be reconstructed for teaching purposes; transitory value applies to prehistoric sites now in the process of, or needing, excavation); importance (such as association with important persons or events).

This is the site of the "Old Stone Mill" built by Capt. Olwin Fox in 1826. The mill was demolished beginning on 24 Jan. 1961.

It was used as a cotton mill.

Joe Cushing purchased the mill in 1868 to use as a flour and grain mill.

General Mills occupied the property from 1929.

The mill was constructed of massive granite blocks which were moved up ramps by oxen for the construction.

Joe Cushing built a 800' long railroad to this building, known as the Cushing Railroad.

10. Bibliography, references and/or documentation.

Sentinel, 25 Jan. 1961  
Sentinel, 28 Jan. 1961  
Sentinel, 30 April 1948  
Sentinel, 23 Nov. 1960  
Sentinel, 1 Dec. 1960



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Form 908

Ashburnham Hill Road





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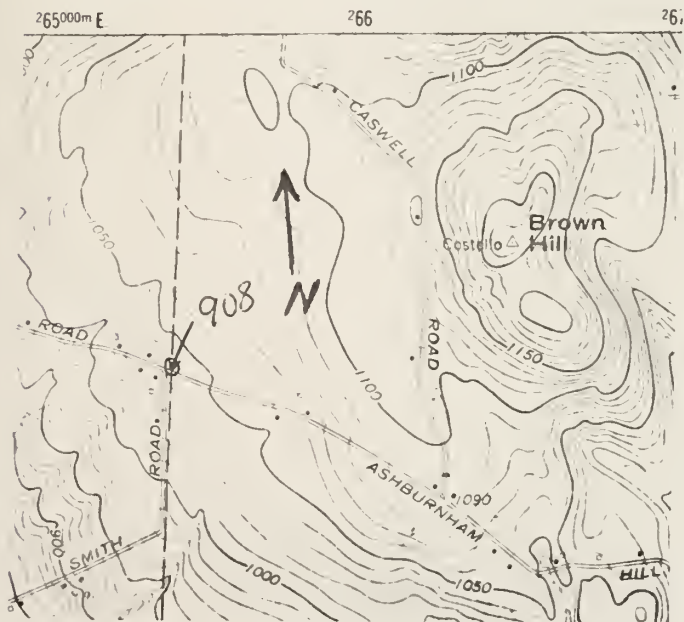
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5. Map. Sketch site location in relation to nearest cross streets, structures, other buildings, natural features. Indicate north and note approximate distance from town center.



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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MAS no. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.  
Location Ashburnham Hill Road,  
North side at Westminster Town Line

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Research:

Advanced X Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ Possible \_\_\_\_\_

Is site available for investigation? Possibly

Estimated time needed for research \_\_\_\_\_

4. Cultural period:

Prehistoric-Aboriginal

Paleoindian \_\_\_\_\_

Archaic \_\_\_\_\_

Woodland-Ceramic \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Historic

Aboriginal-contact \_\_\_\_\_

European \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial \_\_\_\_\_

Modern \_\_\_\_\_

1788

6. Value: Importance:

Permanent \_\_\_\_\_

National \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Local X

Transitory \_\_\_\_\_

Known \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

X

7. Historical significance -- use reverse side of form

Site of the Lord's Barn

8. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)





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9. Historical significance. Include explanation of cultural period; value (assign permanent value to sites that might be reconstructed for teaching purposes; transitory value applies to prehistoric sites now in the process of, or needing, excavation); importance (such as association with important persons or events).

See Attached Article

10. Bibliography, references and/or documentation.

Sentinel, 22 Feb. ? 1930 or later  
in column titled "Fitchburg Rediscovered"



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Form 909

Depot Square







# FORM D - ARCHEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC SITES

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In Area no.

Form no.

909

2. Optional photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number XX

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Location Depot Sq.

Owner(s) City of Fitchburg  
and Montouri Oil Co.

3. Research:

Advanced      Initiated xx Possible     

Is site available for investigation? Possibly

Estimated time needed for research     

4. Cultural period:

Prehistoric-Aboriginal

Paleoindian     

Archaic     

Woodland-Ceramic     

Unknown     

Historic

Aboriginal-contact     

European     

Colonial     

Modern x

6. Value:

Importance:

Permanent

Known x

National     

Unknown     

State x

Local     

Transitory     

7. Historical significance -- use reverse side of form

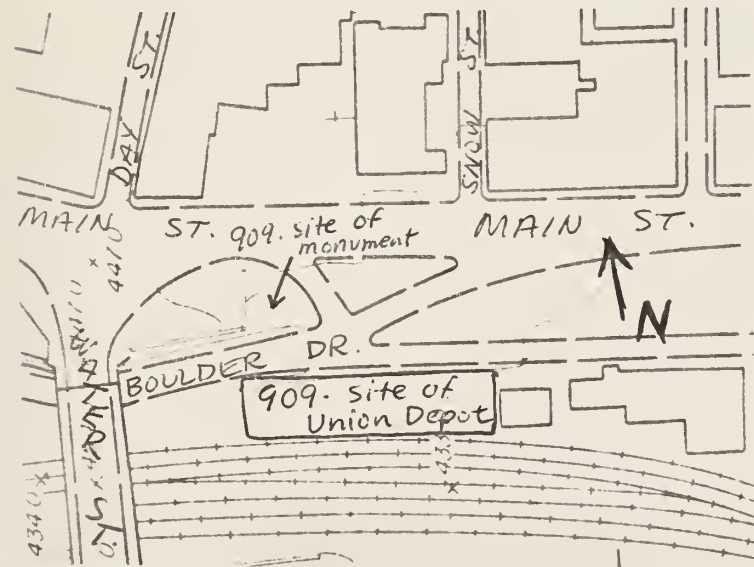
Site of Fitchburg's major rail-  
road station.

8. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

5. Map. Sketch site location in relation to nearest cross streets, structures, other buildings, natural features. Indicate north and note approximate distance from town center.



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9. Historical significance. Include explanation of cultural period; value (assign permanent value to sites that might be reconstructed for teaching purposes; transitory value applies to prehistoric sites now in the process of, or needing, excavation); importance (such as association with important persons or events).

This is the site of the Fitchburg Railroad Station. The original station was built c.1845. This was replaced in 1877 by a beautiful station, Union Depot, designed by Henry M. Francis. As one went east on Main St., the station's tower ended the vista. Many of the city's immigrants arrived in Fitchburg at this station. The railroad was largely responsible for the growth of Fitchburg.

Use of the building as a station stopped in c.1957. In 1957 the building was offered for sale. It was demolished in 1963.

10. Bibliography, references and/or documentation.

Sentinel, 8 Aug. 1958 p.14 (?)  
p.179, 180, 209-214, The City and The River



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Form 910

Caldwell Street





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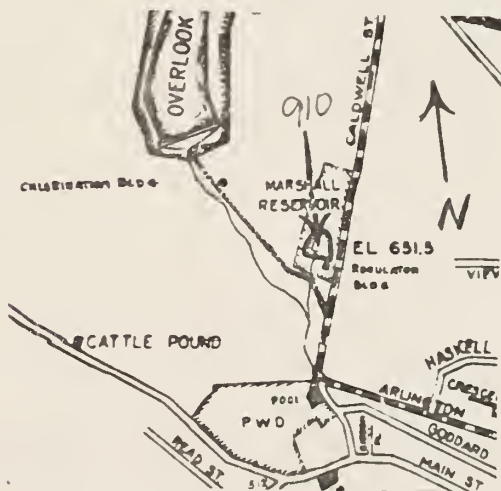
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1. Town City of Fitchburg

Address Caldwell Street

Name Marshall Reservoir

Present use Reservoir

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Reservoir

5. Description Started Apr. 1871 and completed June

Date 1872

Source 1969 Comprehensive Plan and Water Department

Construction material Brick Value House

Dimensions 16' depth

Setting 1.4 M.G. capacity  
Rural

Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Com.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Reservoir  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

At the time of construction C.A. Bateman and F.W. Towne were the Water Superintendents. Geo. Raymond and W.A. Smith were the engineers and Phinehas Ball the construction engineers.

Original plans of this are filed with the City Engineering Department.

This and Overlook Reservoir were the first reservoir constructed in the City.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Water Department and City  
Engineering Dept.



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Form 911

Flat Rock Road





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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



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1. Town City of Fitchburg  
Address Flat Rock Road

Name Overlook Reservoir

Present use Reservoir

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Reservoir

5. Description Started Apr. 1871 and completed June 1872

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Source 1969 Comprehensive Plan

and Water Department

Construction material Granite Valve House

Dimensions 36' depth

Setting 64.70 M.G. capacity  
Rural

Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Com.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Reservoir  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

During the construction C.A.Batemen and F.W.Towne were the Water Superintendents. Geo. Raymond and W.A.Smith were the engineers and Phinehas Ball was the construction engineer.

Original plans are filed with the City Engineering Dept.

This along with Marshall Reservoir were the first reservoirs in the City. There is a very attractive granite value house at this reservoir.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Water Department and  
City Engineering Dept.





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Form 912

Ashby West Road





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1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Ashby West Road

Name Scott Reservoir

Present use Reservoir

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Reservoir

5. Description Started 16 Aug. 1875

Completed

Date 1880

Source 1969 Comprehensive Plan &  
Water Department

Construction material Brick Value House

Dimensions Depth 40'

Setting Capacity 170.00 M.G.  
Rural

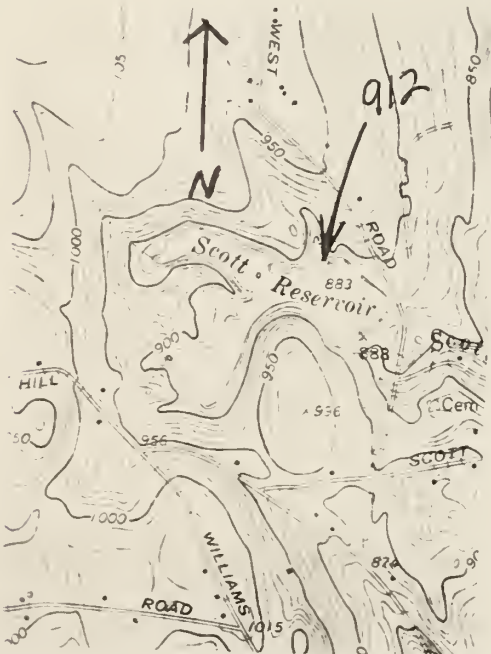
Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Com.

Date March 1977

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
 Original use Reservoir  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

The City Engineer at the time of construction was T.C. Sheldon and the Water Sup't was T.C. Lovell.

Many documents and original plans are filed with the City Engineering Dept. There is a very attractive brick value house.

This was an important part in the development of the city's water supply.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Water Dept. Records and plans with City Engineering Dept.





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Form 913

5<sup>th</sup> Mass Turnpike





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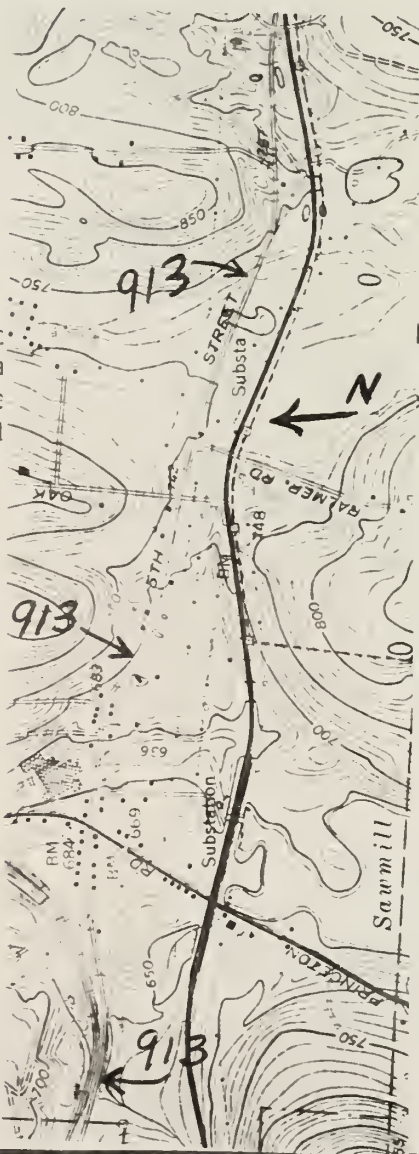
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1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address 5th Mass. Turnpike

Name 5th Mass. Turnpike

Present use Public road

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	<u>X</u>
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____
other	_____		

5. Description

Date 1799

Source Proceedings of the Fitchburg  
Historical Society 1900-1906

Construction material Varies; Dirt, asphalt

Dimensions 20'+ wide

Setting Rural

Condition Varies

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

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7. Original owner (if known) Fifth Mass. Turnpike Corp.

Original use Road

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

This is an early toll-road. It connected Fitchburg with the east and west and played an important role in the development of this region in the early 19th century, before the railroads.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

p. 154-171, Proceedings of the Fitchburg Historical Society 1900-1906, "The Old Turnpike and Turnpike Days" by Frederick A. Currier





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Form 914

Jay Street





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1. Town City of Fitchburg

Address Jay Street

Name Jay Street

Present use Public Street

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	<u>x</u>
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



5. Description

Date <sup>35</sup>1953 for the Granite Block paving

Source City Engineering Dept.

Construction material Granite Block

Dimensions 25'+ x 200'+

Setting Residential

Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Road  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

This is one of four remaining granite block roads. This road is very steep and the blocks are set at angles to make a rough pavement. A small section of the road has been dug up and replaced with asphalt.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Records in City Engineering Department



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Form 915

Huron Street







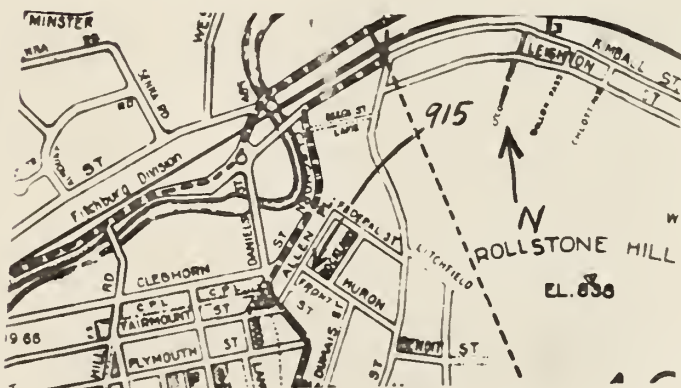
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.  
Address Huron Street  
(From Allen to Rockland Sts.)  
Name Huron Street  
Present use Public street  
Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	<u>X</u>
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____
other	_____		

5. Description

Date 1938 for the granite Block paving  
Source City Engineering Dept.  
Construction material Granite Block  
Dimensions 25'± x 250'±  
Setting Residential  
Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson  
Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.  
Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Street

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

This is one of four remaining granite block paved streets. It is very steep and is closed to all vehicular use as of 1 March 1977. The block work is in excellent condition.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

City Engineering Department Records



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Form 916

Eaton Street







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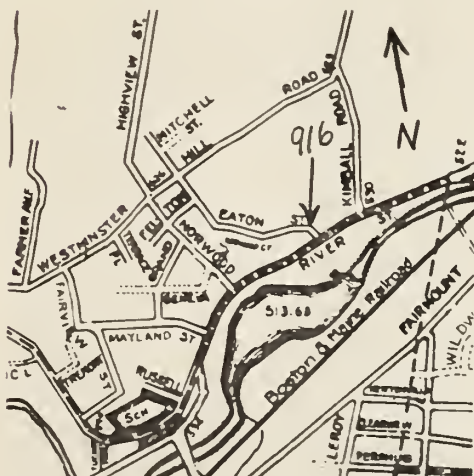
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Eaton Street

Section next to River St.

Name Eaton Street

Present use Public Street

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	<u>X</u>
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Description Granite block paving

Date in 1939

Source City Engineering Dept.

Construction material Granite blocks

Dimensions 25'+ x 150'+

Setting Residential

Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Street

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

This is one of four remaining granite block paved streets.

This once was a very common paving material in Fitchburg and is very attractive. The four remaining streets are all very steep. The blocks are set at angles to make a rough surface.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

City Engineering Dept. records.



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Form 917

Between Kimball Street and River Street near Daniels Street Rotary







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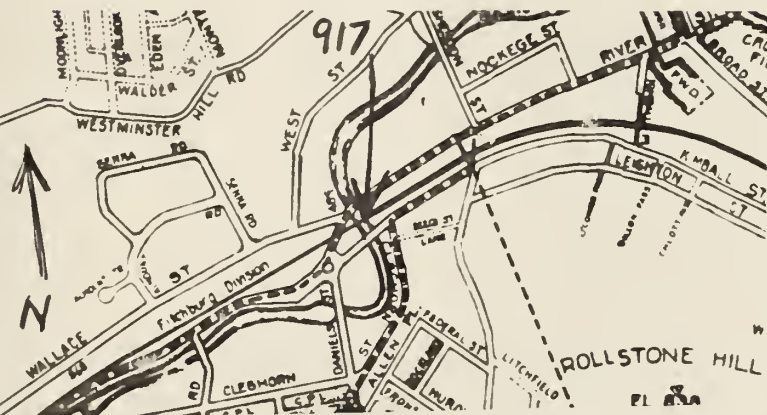
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Between Kimball St. and River St. near Daniels Street Rotary

Name Railroad Bridge over N. Nashua River.

Present use R.R. Bridge

Present owner Boston and Maine Railroad

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	<u>x</u>	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Description

Date 1846

Source Date on Structure

Construction material Granite

Dimensions 30'+ x 120+

Setting Industrial

Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Original use Railroad Bridge  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same
8. Historical significance.

Girca 1840, Martin Newton introduced the construction of arched stone bridges over the Nashua, creating graceful as well as strong support. This bridge may be one of Newton's early stone arched bridges.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

p. 155 The City and The River



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Form 918

Water Street, Laurel Street





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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Water St., Laurel St.

Name Laurel St. Bridge

Present use Road Bridge

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	<u>x</u>	pound	
canal		powder house	
dam		street	<u>x</u>
fort		tower	
gate		tunnel	
kiln		wall	
lighthouse		windmill	

other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Description

Date 1899

Source p.242 Fireside Legends,

Emerson VC 974.431 E53 fi 2

Construction material Granite

Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Setting Urban

Condition O.K.

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Road Bridge  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same
8. Historical significance.

This is a large stone bridge. Its design is attractive and it is a good example of one of the many types of bridges in Fitchburg.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

p.242 Fireside Legends



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Form 919

5<sup>th</sup> Street



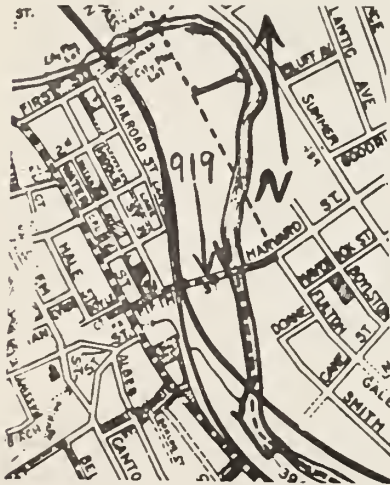


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- Date March 1977



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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Bridge

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

This is an interesting example of a type of reinforced conc. arch bridge and an unusual type of suspension bridge. It is the largest bridge in the city. Extensive documentation exists on the construction of this bridge incl. construction photographs.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories. deeds. assessor's records, early maps, etc.

City Engineering Dept. records.





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Form 920

Rapids Passway, Prichard Street to Mt. Vernon Street





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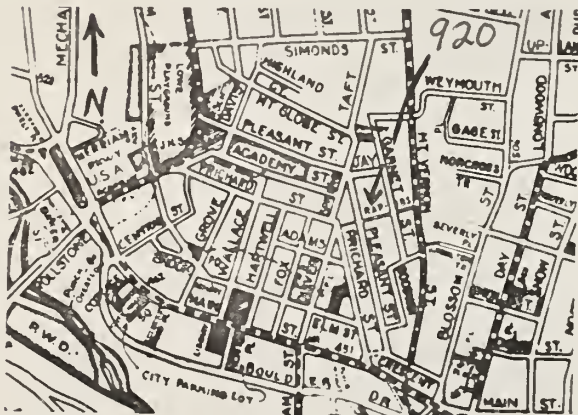
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USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.  
Address Rapids Passway, Prichard St.  
to Mt. Vernon Street

Name Rapids Passway

Present use Public passway

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Public pedestrian

passway

5. Description

Date Public Way in June 30, 1868

Source City Engineering Dept.

Construction material Granite steps, wood  
steps, and asphalt ramps.

Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Setting 5'+ x 500'+ Residential

Condition Good to Poor

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Pedestrian Passway  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Same

8. Historical significance.

This is one of several public pedestrian passways in Fitchburg.  
These help make the city a very enjoyable place for pedestrians.

Several of the pedestrian passways go up steep hills and therefore  
are a more direct route than the roads (whose grades are limited).  
This passway connects the Downtown with a residential area.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records,  
early maps, etc.

City Engineering Department records.





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Form 921

Wallace Avenue, Prichard Street, and Academy Street





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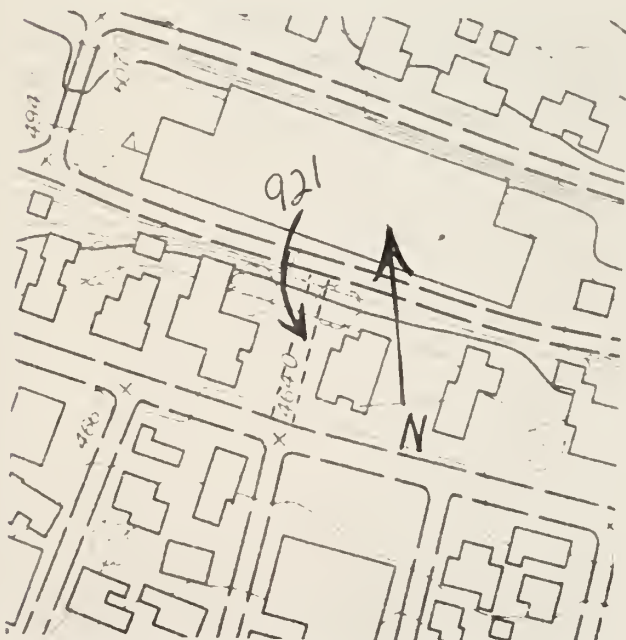
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4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Wallace Ave., Prichard St.,  
and Academy Street

Name Wallace Way

Present use Public Way

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Public Steps

5. Description

Date 1902

Source Plaque on Steps

Construction material Granite

Dimensions 30'± x 100'±

Setting Good-Residential and Institu-  
tional

Condition Excellent

Restored in 1956

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Public way  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_
8. Historical significance.

This is a very attractive public way (steps) given to the city by Rodney Wallace. It is typical of steps formed in Europe and adds to the attractiveness of downtown Fitchburg. There are two bronze plaques on the steps. They are inscribed as follows:

This Way Presented to the City of Fitchburg By Rodney Wallace, 1902, and this Way Restored For the City of Fitchburg by George R. Wallace, 1956.

The steps were designed by Henry M. Francis. The elaborate bronze light fixtures have been removed.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Sentinel, 23 March 1912 p.68





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Form 922

South Street







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- Address      South Street

Name Coggs Hall Park

Present use	Park
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Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____

other Various structures, incl. Band  
Stand, field house and dance pavilion

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|----------------|-----------------------|
| 5. Description | Field House, 1916     |
| Date           | <u>Pavilion, 1920</u> |
| Source         | Band Stand, 1933, 34  |

"Coggshall Park" paper on file at  
Parks Dept. FIELD HOUSE - STONE  
Construction material BAND STAND - CONC.  
PAVILION - WOOD

Dimensions

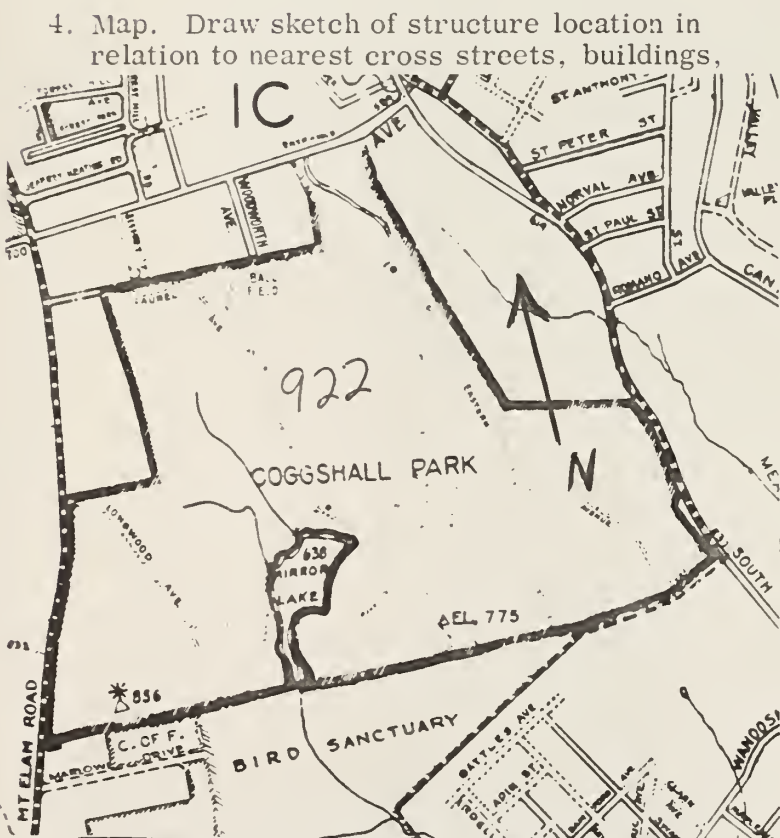
Setting Park

Condition Good

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977



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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Park structure - Same use

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Historical significance.

This is one of the most beautiful natural parks in central Mass.

In addition to the natural beauty are two attractive bldgs., the Band Stand with a bell shaped roof and the Field House, built as a memorial to Henry F. Coggshall, donor of the park. The Field House was built in 1916. H.M. Francis & Sons were the architects and Wiley & Foss the contractors. The cost of the Field House was \$6,699.50.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories. deeds. assessor's records. early maps. etc.

"Coggshall Park" a history in the files of the Parks Dept.





Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area M Monuments, Sites, and Structures

Form 923

Pratt Road







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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number XXI

4. Map. Draw sketch of structure location in relation to nearest cross streets, buildings, other structures, natural features. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Pratt Road

Name Parkhill Park

Present use Park

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	_____
canal	<u>X</u>	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____
other	_____		

5. Description

Date c. 1936

Source Zoel Richard

Construction material Stone

Dimensions -

Setting Park

Condition Poor

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_

MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

(over)



7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Park

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Historical significance.

There is an interesting example of a Works Progress Administration project in Parkhill Park.

An elaborate water system was developed to bring clean water into the swimming pond.

Included are stone channels, siltation basins, and stone bridges. It is a well engineered system and very attractive.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Zoel Richard, neighborhood resident.



Architectural/Historical Inventory of Fitchburg

Area M Monuments, Sites, and Structures

Form 924

Ashburnham Hill Road







# FORM F - STRUCTURE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

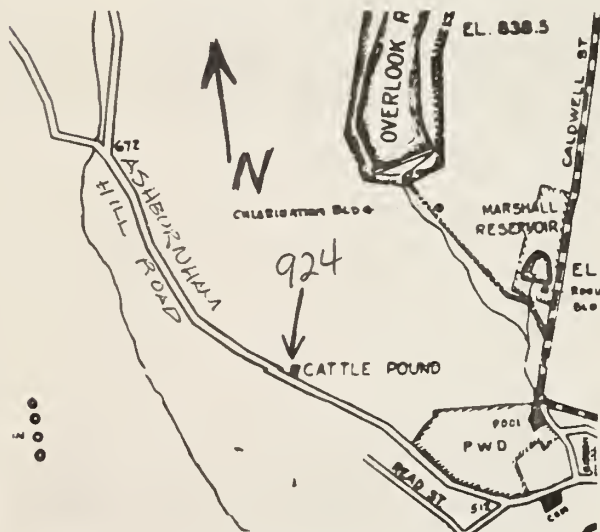
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1. Town Fitchburg, Mass.

Address Ashburnham Hill Rd.

Name Town Pound

Present use Town Pound

Present owner Mrs. Bigelow Crocker

3. Type of structure (check one)

bridge	_____	pound	<u>X</u>
canal	_____	powder house	_____
dam	_____	street	_____
fort	_____	tower	_____
gate	_____	tunnel	_____
kiln	_____	wall	_____
lighthouse	_____	windmill	_____
other _____			

5. Description

Date Original 1797-98,  
Reconstruction

Source \_\_\_\_\_

Construction material Stone walls, wood  
gate

Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Setting Rural, residential

Condition Good

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg  
Original use Pound  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_
8. Historical significance.

On May 18, 1797, the villagers voted to construct a stone pound. It was built 1797-1798. It was completed by 21 June 1798 and cost \$33.50. Stray animals were placed here.

This was reconstructed by Barbara Crocker c.1960.

9. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.

Sentinel, 13 Jan. 1962  
p.136 The City and The River

